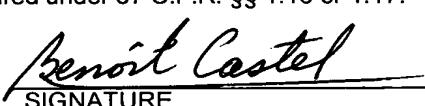


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No. <b>8003-1037</b> U.S. Application No. <b>10/507350</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. <b>PCT/JP03/05168</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>April 23, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>April 30, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: MEASUREMENT METHOD AND DEVICE FOR BEAD CUTTING SHAPE IN ELECTRIC RESISTANCE WELDED PIPES		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Toshifumi KODAMA, Taira SUZUKI, Akira TARAO, Yasumasa TEKEMURA and Takatoshi OKABE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) or a Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>English Translation of the PCT Request, Forms PCT/IB/308 and PCT/IB/304, and International Search Report</u></li> </ol>		

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<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <p><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5)):</b></p> <p>Neither international preliminary examination fee nor international search fee paid to USPTO and international Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$1080.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$920.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International search fee paid to USPTO ..... \$770.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) ..... \$730.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) ..... \$100.00</p>			<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT</b>			\$ 920.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))			\$
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total Claims	23 - 20 =	3	x \$18.00
Independent Claims	11 - 3 =	8	x \$86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$290.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATION =</b>			\$ 1,662.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.			\$
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>			\$ 1,662.00
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>			\$ 1,662.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) \$40.00 per property +			\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>			\$ 1,702.00
			Amount to be refunded: \$
			Charged: \$
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$1,702.00</u> to cover the above fees is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young &amp; Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.</p>			
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: YOUNG & THOMPSON 745 South 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street Arlington, VA 22202 Telephone (703) 521-2297		 SIGNATURE Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041 NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER September 13, 2004 DATE	
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